

High-Level Conference

Building Democratic Resilience to Disinformation

Practical Information Note Malta, 2025





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General Information

The Maltese Presidency of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has the honour to welcome you to Malta and is pleased to provide you this practical information note (PIN) on the logistical modalities to help you prepare for delegations' participation in the High-Level Conference on Building Democratic Resilience to Disinformation, taking place in Malta on 17 September 2025.

Venue

The High-Level Conference will be held at Villa Bighi, Dawret Fra Giovanni Bichi, Kalkara, Malta, on Wednesday 17 September 2025.

Accreditation, Pins and Badges

Delegations are kindly asked to register via the online accreditation system on the following <u>link</u>. The online accreditation system will be open until 1 September 2025.

It is to note that the venue will be accessible to registered participants only. **Ad-hoc accreditation at the venue will not be provided.**

Participants should have a valid badge that must be presented at the entrance of the Conference venue and other rooms that will be in use during the Conference. The badge should be worn in a visible manner at all times, when at the Conference venue, including at the dinner.

Badges will be issued upon arrival at the venue's registration desk. Participants are requested to present their passport or ID card at the registration desk. To avoid delays with the issuance of badges, please arrive well in advance. The registration desk will be open on the day of the Conference from 09:30hrs until 10:30hrs.

It is important to note that registration for the meeting does not automatically imply that hotel reservations are made. Therefore, delegations must make their own hotel bookings.

IT Facilities

Free high-quality wireless internet access will be available at the venue.

Accommodation

Delegations are to make their own hotel arrangements. Some recommended hotels in the vicinity include the following:

- Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta
 - info@excelsior.com.mt
 - +356 2125 0520
- The Phoenicia Malta
 - info@phoeniciamalta.com
 - +356 2122 5241
- Domus Zamittello
 - info@domuszamittello.com
 - +356 2122 7700

- Rosselli AX Privilege
 - stay@rosselli.mt
 - +356 2124 5245
- Palais Le Brun
 - info@palaislebrun.com | frontdesk@palaislebrun.com
 - +356 2226 0300

Events and Catering

A standing lunch will be served at the conference venue at 13:00hrs. A dinner will also be held at Villa Bighi at 20:00hrs, following the cultural tour.

Cultural Tour

A cultural tour will be organized right after the end of the conference prior to the dinner at 18:30hrs. The cultural tour will consist of a scenic sunset ferry ride around the Grand Harbour.

Interpreting Services

Interpretation will be provided in English and French for the Conference.

Please note that no interpretation will be provided during the dinner, lunch and the cultural programme. These sessions will be conducted in English.

Transport

Public Transport is also available from Malta International Airport. More information can be found on https://www.publictransport.com.mt/.

Alternatively, locally-operated taxi service companies are also available from Malta International Airport.

Transport will be provided by the Presidency on 17 September from and to specific pick-up locations in Valletta, Sliema and St Julians to the Conference Venue. The time and location of the pick-up points will be communicated closer to date. Participants are requested to indicate whether they wish to make use of this transportation services in the registration and if in the affirmative, to indicate the preferred pick-up location.

Visa Requirements

Delegates who require a visa to travel to Malta are required to apply for such visa on time. Prior to their departure, travellers are required to ensure that they have a valid passport which expires at least six months after their date of departure.

Visa requirements can be found here: https://consularplus.gov.mt/visa-advice?lang=en.

Visa application forms can be found here: https://foreign.gov.mt/schengen-visa-applications/.

Please refer any visa related queries to visa.foreign@gov.mt

Useful Information

1.1 Electricity voltage

The electricity supply in Malta is 230 volts. The square-fitting standard three-pin, 13 Amp British plugs and sockets are used. A step-down transformer is needed to convert the current to 110-120V. Delegates are advised to bring their own electrical adaptors if required.

1.2 Weather in Malta

The climate in Malta is subtropical Mediterranean, with long, hot, dry and very sunny summers and short, mild and slightly rainy winters. The average temperature in Malte during September averages between 21° C to 29° C but can exceed 30° C.

1.3 Banking Services and Currency

Malta's official currency is the euro. Banking hours are generally Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00. Some banks are open on Saturday mornings. Most internationally recognised currencies and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks and at Malta International Airport.

Cash dispensing machines or ATMs are located throughout the country, and major credit and debit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are also located at some hotels.

1.4 International Dialling Codes

The international dialling code for Malta is +356. International calls made from Malta should be preceded by 00, followed by the national country code.

1.5 Time Zone

Malta is on Central European Time (CET), which is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

1.6 Emergency Number

The number 112 can be used for all emergencies.

Contact Information

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Visa queries

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